

# Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

10/630,445

Applicant(s)

FERREE, BRET A.

Examiner

(Jackie) Tan-Uyen T. Ho

Art Unit

3731

## All Participants:

(1) (Jackie) Tan-Uyen T. Ho.

(2) John Kappos.

Status of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: 12 April 2007

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

## Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

## Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

*None*

Claims discussed:

*85 and 99*

Prior art documents discussed:

*None*

## Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

*See Continuation Sheet*

## Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

  
(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner suggests applicant to tie the limitation "prevent escape of nucleus pulposus through the defect" to a step of the method. Applicant agrees to insert the limitation "to prevent escape of nucleus pulposus through the defect" to "expanding step." See examiner's amendment for detail.